The Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway is described by officials as a major link in a prescription drug pipeline that runs between south Florida and eastern Kentucky.

And Magoffin County sheriff Bob Jordan, along with the Kentucky State Police, continued their efforts this past weekend to curb illegal pill trafficking.

At approximately 4 a.m. Saturday, while conducting a traffic check on the Mountain Parkway, Sheriff Jordan and KSP trooper Eric Caldwell halted the suspected delivery of almost 500 narcotic pills and made two arrests.

“The cold weather made it difficult for us to be out there as much as we would have liked, but now that it has warmed up we’re going to do everything in our power to stop drugs from coming into the area,” Sheriff Jordan said.

Sheriff Jordan and Trooper Caldwell seized 413 Roxycodone 15 and 30 milligram pills, and 54 and one-half Xanax during the stop that led to the two arrests.

Greg Crum, of Morehead, and Kelly B. Stephens, of Jeffersonville were lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Paintsville.

Both were charged with first and third degree trafficking in a controlled substance and Stephens was additionally charged with possessing a controlled substance prescription not in original container.

“The Mountain Parkway is a major link in the pill pipeline and we’re going to shut it down,” Sheriff Jordan said.

The drug bust was the second in two days on the Magoffin County portion of the Mountain Parkway. Both were the result of traffic checks involving the sheriff’s department.